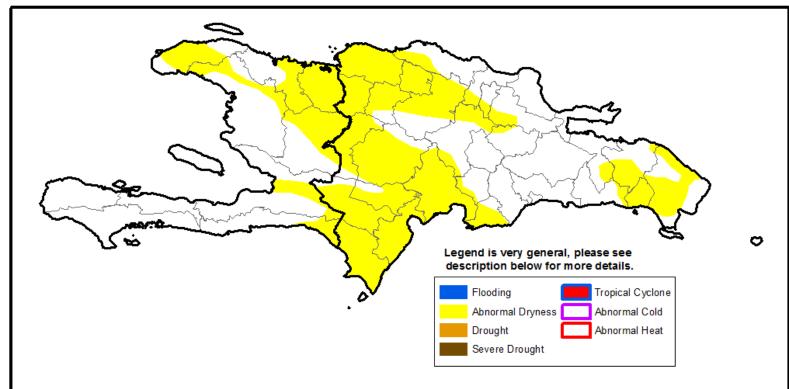


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Abnormally dry pattern is expected to persist through next week.



During the past week, rains were not as heavy as was forecasted over Hispaniola. The heaviest (> 100 mm) rains were concentrated in the northeast departments of Haiti and bordering northwestern Dominican Republic, according to the TRMM estimates. Outside of these local areas, observed rainfall was below normal. The continuation of the dry pattern has further increased 30-day moisture deficits across most areas. Seasonal rainfall anomalies larger than 300mm can now be found in northern Dominican Republic, and greater than 100mm across most of the rest of the island. As a result of large seasonal moisture deficits ubiquitous across Hispaniola, vegetative conditions continue to deteriorate over many parts of the island. According to vegetation indices, regions with strong signs of adversely effected ground conditions now include Haiti's Nord-Ouest department and areas of Centre Department, including Port Au Prince. In the Dominican Republic, conditions are now very poor across several of the western-most provinces. Rains will be widespread for the coming week, but amounts are forecasted to remain well below climatology, especially for western Dominican Republic.